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Dearest Bunny;

Here it is Sunday afternoon and I am not doing a thing. I did think that I would go into town but it was so hot and I could think of nothing to do when I did get in there so I thought I would be just as well off to stay right here this afternoon. There is a fairly cool breeze blowing through the building today, the first that we have had yet. It is a nice day for doing nothing. I just had a cup of coke. Our PX is open for the sale of coke atleast. The coke had quite a queer taste though and was not as good as the stuff we got at Finsch.

I managed to wangle a ticket to a show that is on this week. It is a stage show titled PHILIPPINIANA and is supposed to be a show demonstrating native dances and dances based on local customs. It should be rather interesting. It is at the same theater that the concert was held at so that means another excursion through Chinatown. I hope that Boh Neumann is able to get tickets too.

My plans went awry last night. I had planned to get to bed early and get a good nights sleep. I would have too because all I did was go to the show and then go right back to the barracks. The only hitch was that the show did not start until about 8:30 instead of 6:45, 7:15. The picture they were supposed to have was KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY starring Lana Turner, Susan Peters, and a lot of other beautiful creatures. Instead of this picture they had WITHOUT LOVE, the latest Spencer Tracy - Katharine Hepburn picture which I enjoyed tremendously. It was one of the funniest pictures I have seen in quite a while. If you see the picture you must bear in mind the fact that although I have seen the picture I am not going to plan on the kind of marriage which they endeavored to carry out. That is not for me. I have other ideas about the first night (and all succeeding nights) of our married life than having you sleep in one room and I in another. I can guarantee you that you shall have no need of a hot water bottle in bed to keep you warm, no matter how cold it may be outside. I shall see that you are kept quite warm. I think you have a vague idea of just what I mean don't you? This night has been postponed a lot longer than it should have been because of this damned war but as soon as I get back I will demonstrate what I mean. One demonstration is worth a million words. You are going to be a perfect wife for me Darling. That I do know for sure. I am anxious to find out for sure just how you do wear your hair at night, and just how you look in your new nightgown. Those are the only reasons I have for marrying you don't you know. Of course after I have accomplished that I think that I may stick around to get the main course after that appetizer. And won't that be a pretty dish to set before me. Damn it all. I just want to get back to you. I know that is asking for an awful lot but since I know that you are there at home waiting for me, I am anxious as the devil to get home to you. It must be that I love you. Do you think so?

You seem to be having quite a time trying to decide whether or not you like Jack Taylor. Just what does Jack do anyway? I know that Rhonda is a secretary but you never did say what he did. You shouldn't go around trying to decide whether or not you like married men anyway. What sort of person are you anyway? It's bad enough trying to decide whether or not a person likes single people let alone trying to decide about married people. And I don't want you to start wondering whether or not you like any single people either because I am a very jealous man. I think you realize that I have a right to be because I have someone wonderful to be jealous about.

You seem to manage to get cigarets all right even though they are so scarce. It is a good thing that you are a good friend of Mr. Macris and can get some from him. I'll bet you never thought that you would be going through a line four times just to get cigarets. The first thing you know, civilians will be as used to standing in line as GIs are. After the war it will all be different though. There'll be no more of this standing in line for everything. Lines for chow, for washing messkits, for signing the payroll, for getting paid, for getting PA supplies, and

even for shortarms. There will be plenty of the last from now on, and with a vengeance too because there is supposed to be a lot of venereal disease in the area, as in all areas near military installations. The medics will have a hell of a job on their hands. Dwight Shannon, one of the boys from the 5th R/Depot, is with a medical unit in the 32nd Division now and he says that they as kept busy night and day giving prophylactics. That is about the only thing they have to do now. I guess it is only to be expected that the fellows would go on a spree after having been in the islands south of here for so long. I can tell you truthfully that I would feel a lot happier about the whole thing if you were here with me right now. It has been so damned long since I last saw you Honey, and it seems like very much longer.

You and Rhonda seem to be pretty good friends. I still think that it must be hard for her being married to a man so much older than she is. I had better get started learning chess if you are getting lessons in the game. I am afraid that I would not be too good at the game though because I can't seem to concentrate on any game like that. I am hopeless at checkers and get trimmed every time I play. I just have not got the patience to sit there and to figure out all the possibilities the way you have to be able to play the game well. I will have a try at it if you think that we will have to resort to that to amuse ourselves during our vacation. I think we will be able to manage without the help of any chess though.

The Johnson's Rustic Resort you mentioned in your letter sounds like a very nice place. How expensive would it be to stay there for a while. If we did stay there we would have the full facilities of the place whereas, if we stayed at your folks' cottage, we would probably not be able to. Of course if we could stay at your cottage and still use the facilities of the place, that would be a better idea because it would cost us less. We could go dancing there anyway, and could get our meals there. I don't think that we would either of us care to cook meals or wash dishes during our vacation. We will have too many other things to do without being bothered with that.

Do you think that Mom and Pop Robson would be getting a new car in the near future? I was just wondering if they would get it by the time we got married so that we could have the one they have now for our vacation. Even though you say that it is rather dilapidated it will still get us around during that time and we will need transportation. Even if it is in very poor condition, the statement I made in regard to our knowing just what we are getting still holds because we will know just what to expect and will not have to worry about whether some dealer is trying to hoodwink us. Do you have any idea how much it would cost? I don't want to appear too mercenary but the ~~cost of our vacation will depend on~~ kind of vacation we have will depend on just how much money we can plan on having and if we can get a rough idea of how much money we will have for it we will know better just what we can plan on. It would be nice to plan on a trip around the Great Lakes & like the one you told me about but we will have to figure up the expenses and then decide just what we can do. I would like to have most of this figured out before I get home if we could do it because we would not want to hold up everything then to find out just what we are going to do. Besides it is nice to think about the day our vacation begins and of all the fun we will have, it will make that day seem much nearer.

Your discourse on book buying was very interesting but tell me, how did you make ~~it~~ out in your argument with yourself? Did you decide that it would be a good idea to buy books with your money, or did you decide that it doesn't pay to buy books when you can get them from the library. I agree with you that there are a lot of books that I would never read over twice but these are almost all fiction. If I get a book on any technical subject that I am interested in, I could read it over many times and would use it for references. I do think that it is rather foolish to buy all the best sellers though because they can be gotten at a library and once they have been read I don't think I would ever read one over again. I would not want to have a large library of books which would just sit on the shelf gathering dust.

You must know by this time that your wish has been granted and that I have gotten hold of something by Sinclair. I do like his books and find them quite interesting. Probably because he tells me the things I want to hear, at any rate I think that he is a very earnest man who puts his ideas across very thoroughly and rather painlessly. I did not have the feeling that he was trying to cram his ideas down my throat but that he eased them down so that I never realized that they were being swallowed until I thought back for a minute. Again I say that this may be because the ideas he expresses are very much in agreement with mine.

Getting back to the subject of how you fix your hair at night I think that I would like it better down than I would up. Of course I can't be sure but that is what I think at the present time. When we are married I may find that it is better up and out of the way. On the other hand maybe it would ~~see~~ be better in braids. We will have to try it all different ways till I decide just which way I like it best. You do have lovely hair though and I think that it would be a shame just to pile it high on your head so that it couldn't be seen. You had better stack up on some Tigris too while you are at it. That is my favorite even though the others you sent me were also nice. We will experiment on that too. That will be one nice thing, we will have all the time in the world together to do all our experimenting together. THE GRAND EXPERIMENT.

It has started to rain now and if it doesn't stop soon I am going to find myself with nothing to do tonight. There is no show and I had thought that I would take a walk and possibly do some sketching along the way. If the rain keeps up I won't be able to do anything. These storms usually come and go and only leave a little mud as evidence of their passing. I should get back and take a shower now before supper. We do have very nice showers here and I take advantage of them at every opportunity. I will leave you now Honey but will be back before the night is over. Don't go away will you. Here is a kiss to give you something to think about while I am gone.

Monday Morning.
I didn't come back last night Honey and I have to close this letter now in order to get it mailed to you.
Be a good girl now Darling. I love you and am yours
Always.

Freddie